

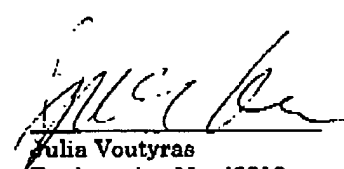
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Balko (U.S. 6,176,078). The Examiner also rejected provisionally Claim 18 as claiming the same invention as that of Claim 3 of co pending Application No. 10/999,618.

In an effort to further define and more particularly claim their invention, Applicants cancelled Claim 18, and are presenting new Claims 19-29 for examination

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